

JULY CALENDAR

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006 AT 7:00 PM

THE "SPECIAL MEETINGS" OF THE TOWN COMMISSION SCHEDULED FOR
TUESDAY, JULY 25TH AND AUGUST 22ND HAVE BEEN CANCELLED

Charrette Committee..... Monday, July 10, 2006 at 7:00 pm

Community Center Committee..... Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.

Education Committee.....Due to the July 4th Holiday, the meeting is
RE-SCHEDULED to Thursday, July 6, 2006 at 8:00 pm

Parks & Recreation Committee.....Time & Date to be determined. Contact Town Hall for details.

Planning & Zoning BoardLast Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (07/27/06)

Tourist Bureau..... Regular meeting: Third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm (07/17/06)

Location: Lanai Room, 9301 Collins Avenue

Crime Prevention Workshop.....Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 6:30 pm

UPCOMING:

End of Summer Luau.....Saturday, August 12, 2006

Please note that all times & dates listed, except Town Commission meetings, are tentative and subject to change.

Please verify the information by contacting Town Hall at (305) 861-4863, or by visiting our

Website at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov or the Surfside Cable Channel 77 for updates..

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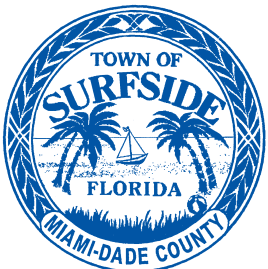
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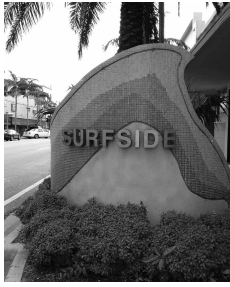
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Surfside, Florida

July 2006

FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

In this and the June edition of the Gazette, we've begun to include information that relates to Surfside's financial and legal condition as we found it upon our arrival. While it has been less than 100 days since the election and sorting out, through the maze of accounts and information is difficult, we have been able to slowly gather important pieces of the puzzle.

Very soon we will begin our budget process, which will allow us to address in detail all parts of the Town's finances. For now however, I will briefly touch on a few significant issues that have been exposed which I think you should be aware of.

Initially, many were under the impression that the Town had a reserve of approximately 12 million dollars. According to the Town Manager, that number is closer to 9 million but will decrease substantially after the Town, and not the County as many had been told, pays the massive bill for the pre-election repaving currently underway.

Initially when the paving began, many including myself, began to seriously question how we were going to pay for this, why this was happening right before the election and why we would repave the streets when the prior Town Commission had been beating the drums about our desperate need to dig up the streets and do underground water and sewer improvements. Further, the prior Town Commission used the urgency of the required underground water and sewer work to reprimand

those who wished to restore the Town's Community Center arguing that the Town needed its savings for the water and sewer work and that not undertaking same would be irresponsible. Sadly, I have come to find out from volunteers who combed through the minutes, that shortly before the election, our prior Mayor and Commissioners voted to undertake this repaving project in spite of the fact that the necessary underground water and sewer improvements would likely require the streets to be torn up again. The manager has said that the contract that had been entered into at the time was an open-ended contract and the costs for it will likely exceed 3 million dollars bringing our savings account down to below 6 million dollars. In a post note to this situation, I have met with County officials who are ironically holding funds targeted for the underground water and sewer improvements and who stand ready to disburse same. Obviously this will be an important Commission discussion item and I hope you will share your thoughts with us in order to find the best solution for this challenge.

On the subject of the Town's legal issues, I can report the following: 1) The Town, after some starts and stops and with much debate and input on how to put in place a Town attorney, has completed that task 2) We are aggressively working to settle the Town's many legal entanglements. I had outlined a few in the last newsletter and had attempted to give you a summary of the issues. There is very strong resistance to our attempts to settle these cases from

those who benefit from continuing them. 3) We have terminated the law-firm of Adorno and Yoss, represented primarily by Steven Ginsburg, who had reportedly been the "Town Prosecutor" for decades. Mr. Ginsburg is credited with generating litigation bills in the millions of dollars for himself and his firm at the expense of our Town, making the taxpayers of Surfside, as Vice Mayor Weinberg recently pointed out, the "litigation champions of Dade County." Mr. Ginsburg is also credited with being the driving force behind attaching tens of millions of dollars in liens against Surfside homeowners in recent months. During his time as "prosecutor" in our Town, it has been reported that over 1/3 of all homeowners had some type of violation/lien attached to their houses for bills, many under \$200. Lastly, Mr. Ginsburg is known to many of the dog and cat enthusiasts in our Town as the attorney who reportedly spent \$20,000 of the Town's money going after a pet owner for a \$100 code ticket. Needless to say, it seems clear that the Town will likely benefit from the termination of Mr. Ginsburg and his firm Adorno and Yoss. Note: The Town Manager has reported that most, if not all, of the aforementioned liens have been removed from Surfside's many homes since the election.

Count Mr. Ginsburg's and the law firm's termination, with the help of all but one of your Commissioners, as another small step towards my promise

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Mayor's Corner

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to stop some of ex-Town Attorney Cypen's throng of lawyers from draining away the Town's bank accounts unnecessarily.

Working through these legal matters presents many challenges to the Town. As an example, our new Commission has met in private session for approaching 25 hours on only a very few of the many cases in recent days and will be meeting again for many more hours by the time you read this. Also, included in efforts to settle cases are over 10 hours of mediation for just one case. Needless to say, it's an incredible challenge. Conversely, the prior Commission reportedly only met two (2) times for a total of approximately (3) three hours during their entire 2 year term to hear from the Town's horde of lawyers on the cases. Such behavior underscores the lack of interest on the part of our prior elected officials to control the multitude of lawyer's under ex-Town Attorney

Steve Cypen. It further empowered the attorneys to make all decisions on legal issues that the Town faced. It doesn't take a PhD to see how letting lawyers make most, if not all decisions on cases can lead to astronomical legal fees which by the way, only ex-Town Attorney Steve Cypen was allowed to see. Reportedly, the Town's manager or elected officials were never permitted to even see, let alone question any bill submitted by any lawyer during almost the entire period of the last Commission. I have requested those original bills and as of this writing, Mr. Cypen continues to object and resist, months after the request, to providing the original documents to the Town.

On a happier front, our boards and committees are fully appointed and are beginning their important work. Please check our website for their meeting dates and times. Your participation is critical. Your opinion of our progress is also critical. If you feel as though we are getting off track at any time, please do not hesitate to email or call.

The police department continues to add qualified officers. The department has also deployed their bike force and has recently likely cracked the case of recent burglaries, which we at the Town take very seriously.

Next month, I will outline our progress vis-à-vis our campaign promises and begin to keep track for you of our commitments and accomplishments. I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer. Be sure to reach out for information and prepare for hurricane season, it could be a rough one! Most of your Commissioners recently completed a comprehensive course and were certified as emergency response team members in order to better serve you. I am proud to be a part of that team with Vice Mayor Weinberg and Commissioners Imberman and Levine. Hope to see you at meetings if you have time, and if not, there's always channel 77!

All the best,
Charlie



SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS



1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT:

Town Manager, W.D. Higginbotham, Jr., reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP's) for the Town of Surfside Masterplan (Charrette) was advertised. The deadline for submission is July 7, 2006.

The Commission approved the following Resolutions:

2. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida authorizing and directing the Town Manager and the Town Clerk to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City Of North Miami for Police Services **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

3. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside,

Florida authorizing and directing the Town Manager and the Town Clerk to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Aventura for Police Services **VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

In other matters:

The Town Commission directed the Town Manager to implement Standard Operating Procedures for the Town, and to look into the hiring of a Town Translator. The Town Manager was also directed to seek the services of a Town Historian on a pro-bono basis.

The Town Commission directed the Town Attorney to draft legislation adopting Commission Meeting Rules and Operating Procedures.

The Town Commission directed the

Town Manager to look into the implementation of a standardized review of all Town Commission appointments on a semi-annual basis. The review will include the Town Attorney, Town Manager, Special Prosecutor and any other Town Commission appointees.

The Town Commission terminated the services of Adorno and Yoss, effective immediately.

The Town Commission directed the Town Clerk to draft a Resolution repealing Resolution 1673, which renamed 96th Street Park "Novack Park."

Police Chief Shawn O'Reilly announced the award of Officer of the Month to Two Police Officers: Lawrence Hankoff and Jose Valino.

Surfside Police "Officers of the Month": Jose Valino and Lawrence (Larry) Hankoff

On May 30, 2006 at approximately 12:37 p.m., Officers Jose Valino and Larry Hankoff, spotted a vehicle traveling on Collins Avenue, entering Surfside from Miami Beach. Both officers noticed a traffic infraction and decided to conduct a traffic stop on the driver of the vehicle. Subsequent to the stop, the officers conducted a roadside investigation. The driver was visibly uncomfortable with the stop and failed to produce identification for the officers. The officers diligently questioned the driver despite his best efforts to conceal his true identity from them. The officers relied on their vast experience

and police training and continued their investigation until the driver confessed to having a warrant for his arrest. Once proper identity was established, a records check revealed that the driver was wanted for 1st degree murder in conjunction with a robbery that occurred in Miami-Dade County. The driver was taken into custody without incident or harm to the officers or anyone else.

Both officers were honored at the June meeting of the Surfside Commission and they were each presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.



(From L-R) Surfside Officers of the Month, Jose Valino and Lawrence (Larry) Hankoff accept their Certificates of Achievement from Police Chief Shawn P. O'Reilly

The Surfside Police Department invites

*Surfside Bank employees,
Surfside business owners & their employees
and local residents*

to attend a

Crime Prevention Workshop

Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.



Guest Speaker:
Surfside Police Lieutenant Rolando Baldomero

Topics:

*Surviving a Bank or Business Robbery:
A critical workshop for owners, employees and patrons*

Location: Police Training Room, 2nd floor, 9293 Harding Avenue

This evening is generously sponsored by:



9537 Harding Avenue

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP: (305) 861-4862 to confirm your attendance

"Learn To Swim Program"

Summer Swim Lesson classes are currently filled.

Please contact the Community Center for upcoming swim lessons at (305) 866-3635.

Surfside Community Center Pool Hours Summer June 1 - August 6



Monday – Thursday	Lap Swimming (ONLY)	7:45 am – 9:00 am
Sunday – Thursday	Regular Operating Pool Hours	9:00 am – 6:45 pm
Friday – Saturday	Regular Operating Pool Hours	9:00 am – 7:45 pm



JULY GAME ROOM HOURS:



Saturday and Sunday

10:00 am - 6:30 pm



SURFSIDE TENNIS CENTER



The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below. However, the tennis courts are open anytime *by pre-arranged appointments*. For more information, please call the Tennis Center at 305-866-5176.

Monday through Friday
Saturday & Sunday

5:00 pm to Late evening
Open to pre-arranged appointments

Closed Tuesday, July 4, 2006 • Except by lesson appointment

Tennis Classes

Wednesday	Ages: 4 - 7 (Tiny Tot)	July 5 - July 26	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Thursday	Ages: 9 - 12 (Junior)	July 6 - July 28	6:30 - 7:30 pm

Fee: \$17 per 1 class; \$63 per 4 classes. Limit number of students per class. Reservation required.

Adult Tennis "Get Together"

(Round About Game Play)

Monday **Adults**
Fee: \$8 per person

July 5 - July 31

8:00 - 10:00 pm

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Lawyers!

It has been brought to the Town's attention that many residents did not receive delivery of the June Gazette. For this reason, we have decided to re-print an important article summarizing the Town's ongoing legal matters and the costs that have been assumed to date, with each of these cases.

Verzura Construction:

Verzura Construction was hired to undertake the major remodeling and alteration project of the existing facility at 9293 Harding Avenue, which presently houses Town Hall administrative offices & services. Verzura Construction has alleged that ex-Town Officials had solicited bribes and had altered plans after the project was started. Three separate lawsuits are still before the courts including the bonding company who had been suing the contractor Verzura, but after some discovery, dropped their suit against Verzura and has instituted a suit against the Town. The next court date is presently set for July 2006.

- **This case has been ongoing for 6 years.**

- **The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is in excess of \$100,000 for each year of the case.**

- **Verzura is suing for approximately \$15,000,000 alleging, among other things that, the Town eliminated their bonding ability and prevented them from obtaining work over the last many years.**

- **The bonding company had paid out approximately \$1,500,000 over the amount of the original planned work and is suing to recover funds they advanced.**

- **If there is an adverse decision against the Town, the Town could be held responsible for the winner's attorney's fees also.**

- **Total possible exposure to the**



*The 90 file boxes in this photograph were on display at the April 11th and April 25th Commission Meeting. They represent the documents/paperwork on only **three**, of just over 80 cases, that **ONE** of our lawyers had undertaken in the recent past. This lawyer is one of many that the Town employs at any given time. Legal fees have been as high as \$80,000 per month in the recent past.*

Town is nearly \$20,000,000. This amount represents nearly twice the annual budget for the town.

Maranon Case:

This case concerns alleged code violations pertaining to two properties in the Town of Surfside, 9249 Abbott Avenue and 9255 Abbott Avenue. However, the owners have complained to many in the community that they were targeted by a former Mayor and Town Manager who lived only yards away from these homes. Code violation notices were written for the 9249 Abbott house which encroached onto the lot of 9255 Abbott, in spite of a court decision which many believe allowed this slight encroachment. A lengthy civil violation notice was issued and fines in the amount of \$4,350 per day were levied. The liens on the home were in the many millions of dollars and the owners have already lost one home to the Town in this action.

To date, the case remains unresolved.

In addition to the outstanding code violations and fines, is the dispute as to whether or not the 1966 injunction issued by the court, allowing the small encroachment still applies today.

This case has been ongoing for many years.

The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is in excess of \$100,000 for each year of the case.

Miami Rental Management: (The French People)

Some years back, current Surfside residents from France purchased a handful of homes in the Town of Surfside for personal use and had hoped to rent the others to vacationing tourists. Once they began to rent the homes, some neighbors complained. The French say that instead of receiving any type of notice to stop renting the homes from the Town, a police raid was conducted with the assistance of the Surfside Police Department on the residential home of the French family on 88th Street, which consisted of a husband, wife and their 12 year old son. The raid, by accounts, produced only some documentation and computer hardware. Within 30 days the homes were no longer being rented. However, the case continued for over two years until a settlement was brokered by then Commissioner Coto and resident Charles Burkett. In this final settlement,

\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ Lawyers!

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the Town, knowing that it had significant exposure, offered to waive virtually all fines, legal fees and other costs. This came after investing upwards of \$1,000,000 in legal fees and untold amounts in Town personnel time. This final settlement offer from the Town was presented by then Mayor Tim Will, Town Attorney Steven Cypen, Town Manager Jeff Smolansky and the past slate of sitting Commissioners who approved the offer.

It is very instructive to note that approximately 30 days after the police raid, the Town verbally offered to settle with the French People if they would agree to the following terms. 1) Pay \$500,000 to the Town 2) Immediately sell all of their homes including the one they lived in and 3) Leave Surfside and basically never come back. The family rejected the offer as extortion-like and proceeded to fight back. It is also important to note, that according to the family, the very first notice they received indicating that the Town was objecting to the rentals, was not a letter or call, but a Police raid which was organized by an affidavit signed by a Surfside Police officer.

As the settlement was eventually reached, the **fines, according to whom you speak with**, had reached an estimated **\$20 to \$50 million dollars** or approximately up to 10 million dollars per home.

The Outcome: The Town started with 122 alleged violations on these houses. When it came time to settle the matter the Town could not produce any meaningful substantiation for these violations. Furthermore, the settlement agreement basically states that it is not clear, nor can the Town demonstrate, if the family had caused ANY of the violations. Lastly, the code enforcement officer who wrote the violations recently appeared at a commission meeting

and suggested that he had been ordered by Town officials to write violations against the family.

This case went on for approximately 2 years through the settlement.

The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is reported to have been at the very least \$250,000 for each year of the case, likely much more once a thorough review is completed. By some estimates, costs to the Town have reached almost \$1,000,000.

Midrash Sephardi Inc.:

In 1999, two Orthodox synagogues, Midrash Sephardi Inc. & Young Israel of Bal Harbour sued the Town regarding an existing zoning ordinance which excluded churches and synagogues from the business district, where private clubs and lodges were permitted.

Midrash Sephardi was formed in 1995 and subleased the second floor of 9592 Harding Avenue from Ohio Savings Bank (OSB), located in the business district (where AmTrust is today). Midrash appeared before the Planning & Zoning Board with an application seeking zoning approval. This advisory board unanimously agreed to recommend zoning approval to the Town Commission, who had final authority to grant Midrash's application for zoning approval. The Town Commission unanimously denied Midrash's application.

After many years of litigation, the Town of Surfside's appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States was denied, which let stand an earlier ruling allowing Midrash to likely collect their legal fees from the Town of Surfside. Letters to the Town indicate that the amount potentially due Midrash Sephardi could rise into the Millions. Former Town Attorney Steven Cypen, was quoted in the papers, saying "this is an issue of national importance" while discussing why the Town was willing to spend such fantastic funds on the fight.

After the loss, Cypen said it was unfortunate. The past Mayor and Commission had repeatedly voiced their strong support for these types of legal battles, in spite of costs or consequences.

This case has been ongoing for since 1999.

The cost estimate for the Town's legal fees is in excess of \$100,000 for each and every year of the case. Surfside's possible exposure: Paying the winner's legal fees which are currently being discussed and other potential remedies being sought by Midrash.

Surfside Police Department:

Currently there are three legal cases ongoing in the Surfside Police Department. All three of these cases involve personnel issues.

The average legal cost for each of these cases is approximately \$17,000 totaling more than \$50,000.

Liens:

Property: Between 1998 – 2004 there were 368 OPEN code compliance cases. Of the 368 cases, 232 had Special Master Liens placed on the property. Of the 232 Special Master Liens issued between 1998 – 2004, only 13 remain open. As such, 355 of the 368 cases have been released and closed.



Yoga:**Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.

Monday May 29 - July 17 7:00 - 8:00 pm

**Pilates:****Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.

Tuesday May 30 - July 25 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
No Class July 4 - Independence Day

Wednesday May 31 - July 19 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Surfside Community Center Youth Classes and Programs

Gymnastics: Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics.

Note: Registration in Progress.

Saturday June 3 - July 29
No Class July 15
Ages: 3 - 5 10:30 - 11:25 am
Ages: 6 - 12 11:30 - 12:25 am

**Hip Hop Jazz Dance: (Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination.

Note: Registration in Progress.

Saturday June 3 - July 29
No Class July 15
Ages: 7 - 14 12:30 - 1:25 pm

**Kidokinetics: GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS****Resident \$56 / Non-Resident \$72 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)**

Kidokinetics is a way to improve and enhance your child's fitness. Each week we work on different sports in a non-competitive setting. This program helps to develop their motor skills and self-confidence. We teach the basic of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls.

Note: Registration in Progress. Classes will be held at 96th Street Park (9572 Bay Drive)

Wednesday June 7 - August 2
No Class July 5
Ages: 3 - 5 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Ages: 6 - 10 4:45 - 5:30 pm



RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Senior Program Every Wednesday, In the Lanai Room 10:00 am - Noon



The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a morning of activities for Seniors at the Community Center. Come join and play dominoes, cards, board games, mahjong, and more! Activities are Free. Coffee and Light Refreshments will be served.



“Upcoming Events”

End of Summer LUAU August 12th, 2006



Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins

July Programs Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs

Water Aerobics for Adults 55 and over:

Resident \$10 / Non-Resident \$20 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Aerobic water workouts incorporate a variety of rhythmic body movements and dance steps performed in the water. The participant learns to combine arm and leg movements in varying combinations. The main purpose of water aerobics is to improve cardiovascular conditioning.

Friday

June 2 - July 21

10:30 - 11:30 am



Yoga for Surfside Residents 55 and over:

Surfside Residents Free!

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefits your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.

Thursday

Ongoing

10:00 - 11:00 am



Yogalates:

Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.

Thursday

June 1 - July 20

7:00 - 8:00 pm

SURF-BAL-BAY LIBRARY

Storytime: There will be no Storytime during July and August.

For your reading pleasure...



Adult Books:

- On, Off *by Colleen McCullough* (mystery)
- Dirty Blonde *by Lisa Scottoline* (fiction/law)
- Dead Watch *by John Sandford* (fiction)
- Mayflower *by Nathaniel Philbrick* (non-fiction)
- Aliya: Three Generations of American-Jewish Immigration to Israel *by Liel Leibovitz* (non-fiction)

Children's Books:

- Junie B., First Grader: Aloha-ha-ha *by Barbara Park* (juvenile fiction)
- The Adventures of Vin Fiz *by Clive Cussler* (juvenile fiction)
- Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late *by Mo Willems* (easy reader)
- Duck and Goose *by Tad Hills* (easy reader)



DVD's and VHS

- Transamerica (dvd)
- The Producers (dvd)
- King Kong (dvd)
- Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (dvd)
- Dora's First Trip (dvd & vhs)
- Zathura (vhs)

The Library is on Summer schedule during July--open Thursdays, closed Saturdays and Sundays.

The Surf-Bal-Bay Library will be closed on Tuesday July 4, 2006 in observance of Independence Day



Surfside Swim Stars (L-R) *Michelle Daniels, Rachael Startz & Elena Gualda.*

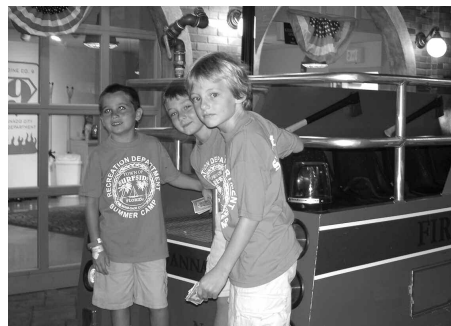
Surfside Summer Camp 2006

The Surfside Summer Camp is now well underway. There are over 115 kids, 6-12 years of age, participating in an outstanding array of activities which include gymnastics, swimming lessons, soccer, basketball, volleyball, arts and crafts, field trips, and general or "free" swim time in the pool.

The Camp is pleased to have eight Leaders-in-Training, ages 13-15, who are accumulating community service hours to graduate high school. They provide terrific assistance to the summer camp staff.

Upcoming field trips include the Pines Ice Skating Arena, the Imax Theater, the Actors' Playhouse, Parrot Jungle, Monkey Jungle, C.B Smith and Buckeye Dent Water Parks and the Palladium Sports Center.

An amazing summer is in store for our Surfside camp kids!



(L-R) *Cristobal Iacobacci, Joel Blumstein, & Hunter Shanahan* check out a fire truck at Wannado City.



Surfside campers enjoy the pool.



Wannado City Actresses
(L-R) *Camillee Gaillard, Maggie Gault & Nicole Alfonso.*